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SUBJECT: MARRIAGE IN KOREA

1. DEPT RECEIVED CALL FROM ARMY'S PERSONNEL ACTION DIVISION REGARDING KOREAN MARRIAGE LAW. ARMY HAS JUST LEARNED THAT KOREAN LAW APPARENTLY REQUIRES PARENTAL CONSENT AS PREREQUISITE FOR MARRIAGE WHEN GROOM IS UNDER AGE 27. UNTIL RECENTLY, ARMY AUTHORITIES IN KOREA ONLY REQUIRED MILITARY GROOMS TO SECURE PARENT'S AFFIDAVIT OF CONSENT WHEN GROOM WAS UNDER AGE 21. QUESTION HAS NOW ARISEN WHETHER MARRIAGES PERFORMED SANS PERMISSION OF PARENTS ARE NULL UNDER KOREAN LAW.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) PLEASE DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS A REQUIREMENT THAT MALES OVER AGE OF 21 HAVE PARENTS' WRITTEN PERMISSION IN ORDER TO MARRY. (B) IF SO, DOES THIS REQUIREMENT APPLY TO FOREIGNERS, PARTICULARLY U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL ON ACTIVE DUTY IN KOREA. (C) IF SO, WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW.  
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